

Fully Alive / Rekindle Series

Acts 2:1-13

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

REFLECTION

Unlike the gospels which take us back in history to help us believe what is true, the book of Acts describes how the Holy Spirit came into the world, and is still working today through average people. The hope of this *Rekindle* series is that we can tap into this same power of the Holy Spirit that is alive and at work today, to help us live a life larger than ourselves.

Living a life infused by the power of the Holy Spirit begins through our individual, daily decisions. In Acts chapter 1 after Jesus ascends into heaven, the disciples returned not to their regular lives back in Galilee, but to the same upper room in Jerusalem where they had last encountered Jesus, and devoted themselves to prayer. **Do you want to be part of something bigger than yourself, like the disciples postured themselves to become part of the beginnings of the church? How might God might be calling you to step out of your regular life to be part of what he is doing?**

Just as the disciples devoted themselves to prayer, this is precisely where we must begin. Our frantic daily lives have most of us looking at our phones first thing in the morning, followed by a day of distractedness. Prayer at its core is reaching out to God, trusting He is alive and reaching back out for us. **How is your prayer life? Explore different ways of praying this week: in the quiet morning hours, walking outdoors, reciting a psalm aloud, praying through music, a daily devotional. Talk to others and see what works for them and try new things. Sense how your faith is being rekindled.**